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- 1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, HERE IS SUGGESTED PRESS GUIDANCE TO USE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS:
- 2. US WILL BE FULLY PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE ON MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES IN MTN BY JUNE 19-20 AND TO CONCLUDE POLITICAL LEVEL AGREEMENT BY JULY 15, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TARGET DATE AGREED TO BY U.S., JAPAN AND OTHERS.

3. US FULLY EXPECTS THAT JUNE 19-20 MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR STRAUSS, MINISTER USHIBA, AND EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP, AND OTHERS WILL BE PRODUCTIVE AND MAKE MAJOR PROGRESS TO ENABLE US TO MEET JULY 15 DEADLINE.

4. THERE WERE SOME ITEMS ON THE ORIGINAL U.S. OFFER, TABLED IN JANUARY, WHERE THE U.S. SAID IT WOULD SPECIFY ITS OFFER AT A LATER DATE. BASED IN PART ON WORK OF

U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISION, WHICH WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DELAYED, AND IN FACT WAS RECEIVED JUNE 1, U.S. AGENCIES ARE NOW HARD AT WORK TO SPECIFY THE U.S. OFFER ON ALL DEFERRED ITEMS. THESE INVOLVE PRINCIPALLY PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO THE AMERICAN SELLING PRICE SYSTEM OF CUSTOM VALUATION AND PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO ESCAPE CLAUSE CASES PENDING AT TIME ORIGINAL U.S. OFFER

SUBMITTED. WE ARE PLANNING TO COMPLETE THIS WORK BY MID-JUNE SO IT WILL NOT DELAY IN ANY WAY THE WORK SCHEDULE TO MEET JULY 15 DEADLINE. VANCE

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